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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Eckhard Alt
Application No.: 09/735401
Filed: December 12, 2000
For: Tubular Stent with Oval Struts
Group Art Unit: 3731

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No: S63.2N-11056-US03

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners hereby request a two month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2004. This petition is accompanied by \$450.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and is filed prior to or with the response.

Any outstanding fee for extension should be charged to our Deposit Account,
No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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